

Updating the WAC for the Growth Management Act

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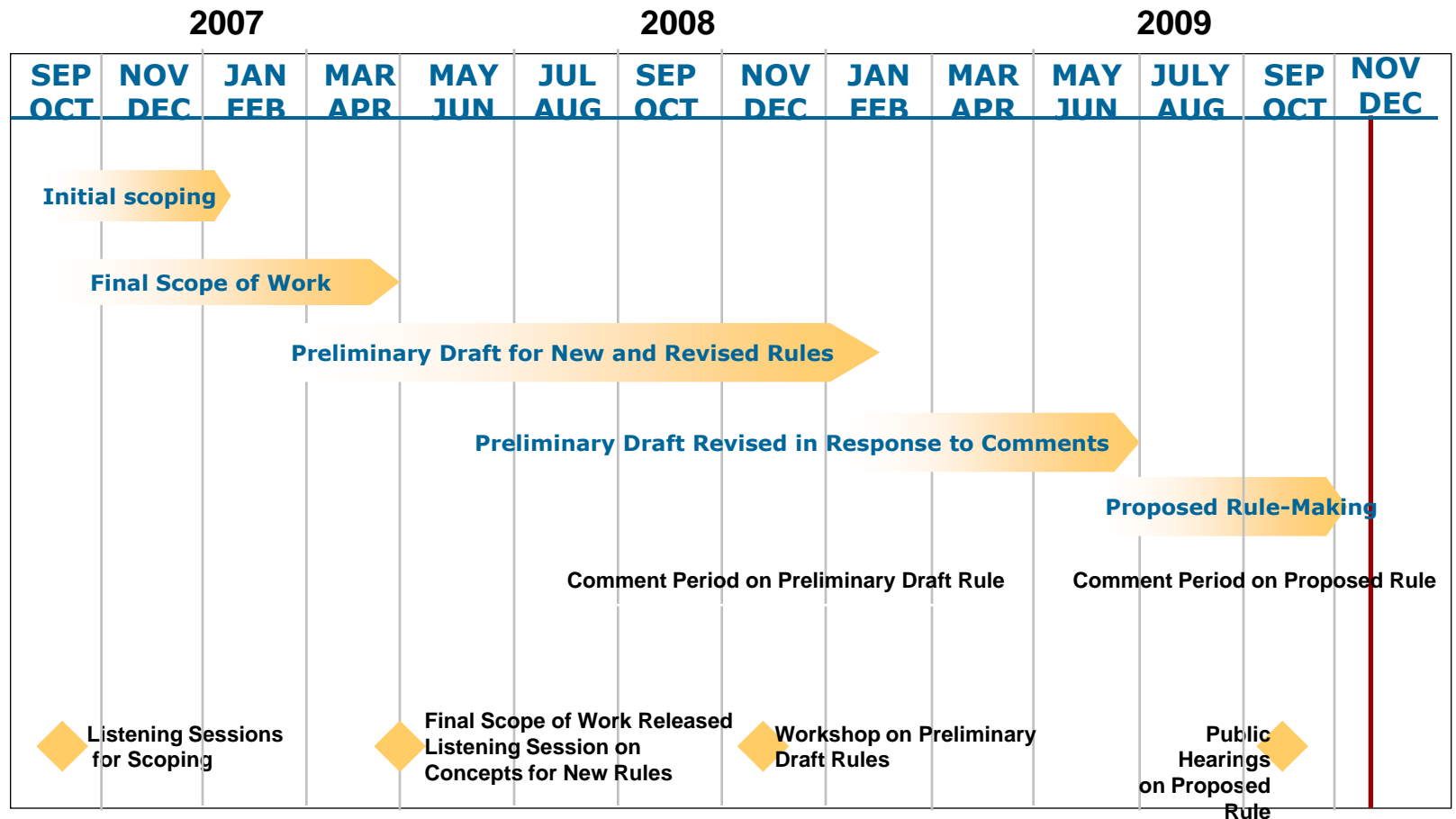
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Where We Are

How We Got Here

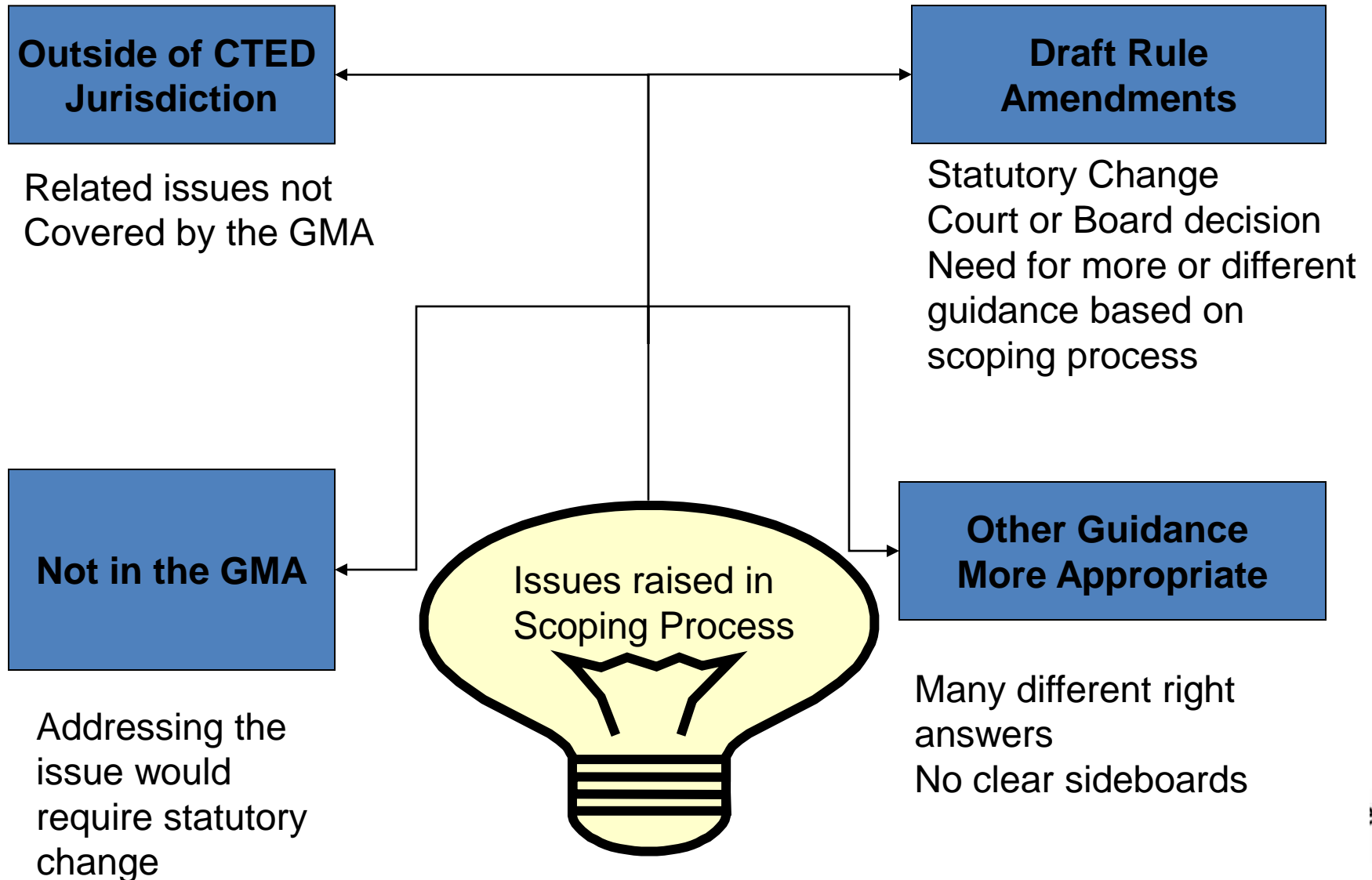


What We Heard in Scoping

- Make them easy for the average person to understand.
- Focus on how to connect various elements.
- Place more emphasis on review and implementation of plans.
- Maintain Local Flexibility.



How We Sorted Scoping Issues



Scoping Issues That Were Not Ripe

- Wetland mitigation banks
- Implementing Ruckelshaus Center findings
- Climate change
- SMA/GMA integration
- Statutory changes from 2009 and 2010



What to Look For in the New Rule

- More emphasis on amendments and updates, less on initial adoption
- Significant reorganization
- More emphasis on implementation, especially associated with UGAs and capital facilities
- Urban density and rural density are addressed more directly



Major Statutory Changes

- Providing sufficient land capacity for development
- The rural element
- State transportation facilities
- Review and update requirements
- Buildable lands



Key Themes from the Comments

- General vs. Specific
- Requirements vs. Recommendations
- Predictability vs. Flexibility
- Statutory adherence vs. “plain talk”
- Concern over new work

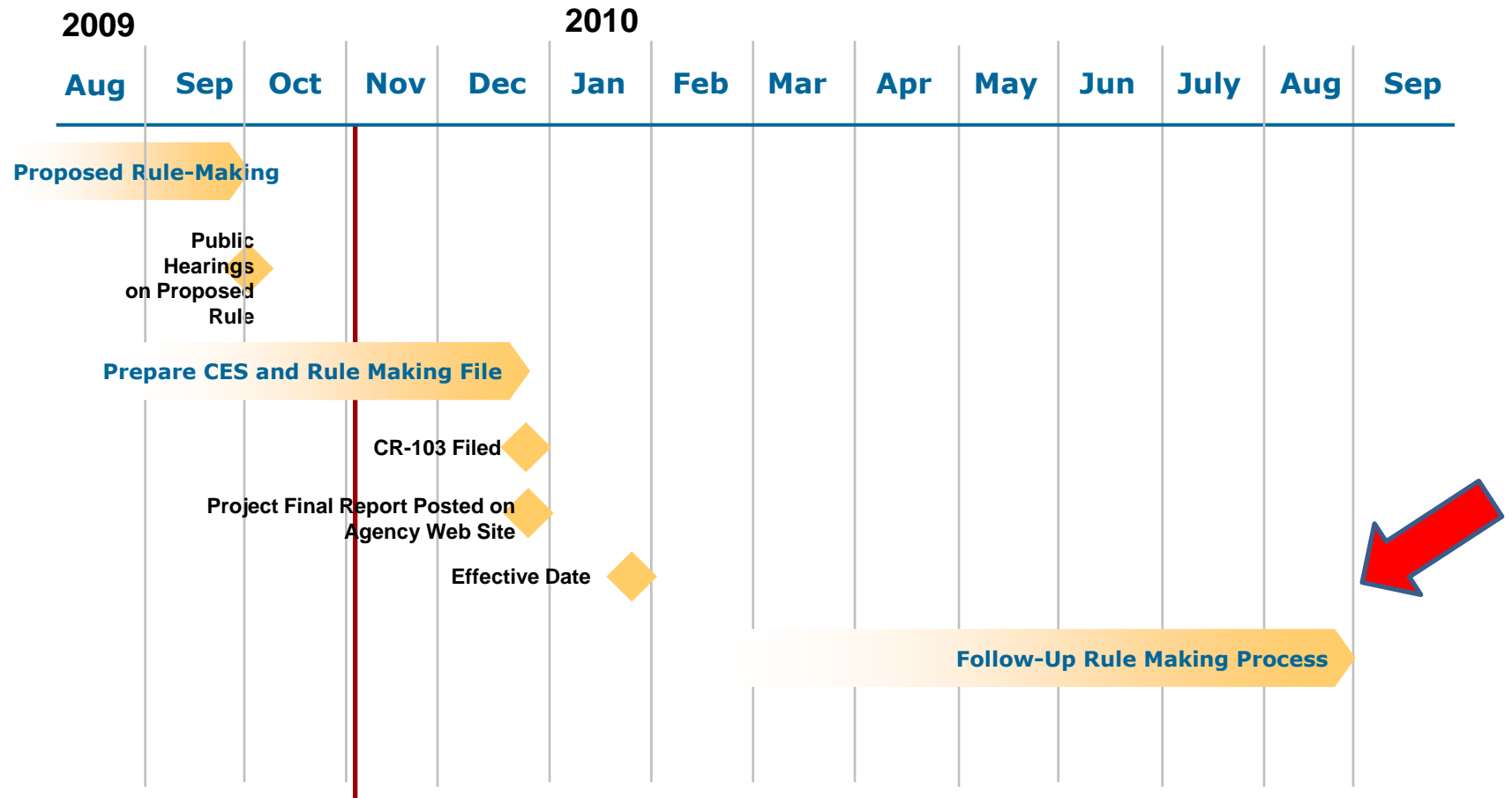


Issues We Could Not Address in the Rule

- Need for new infrastructure funding
- Review and update timeline synchronization
- SMA/GMA integration
- Frustration with the enforcement process



2009/2010 Leg Session Changes



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